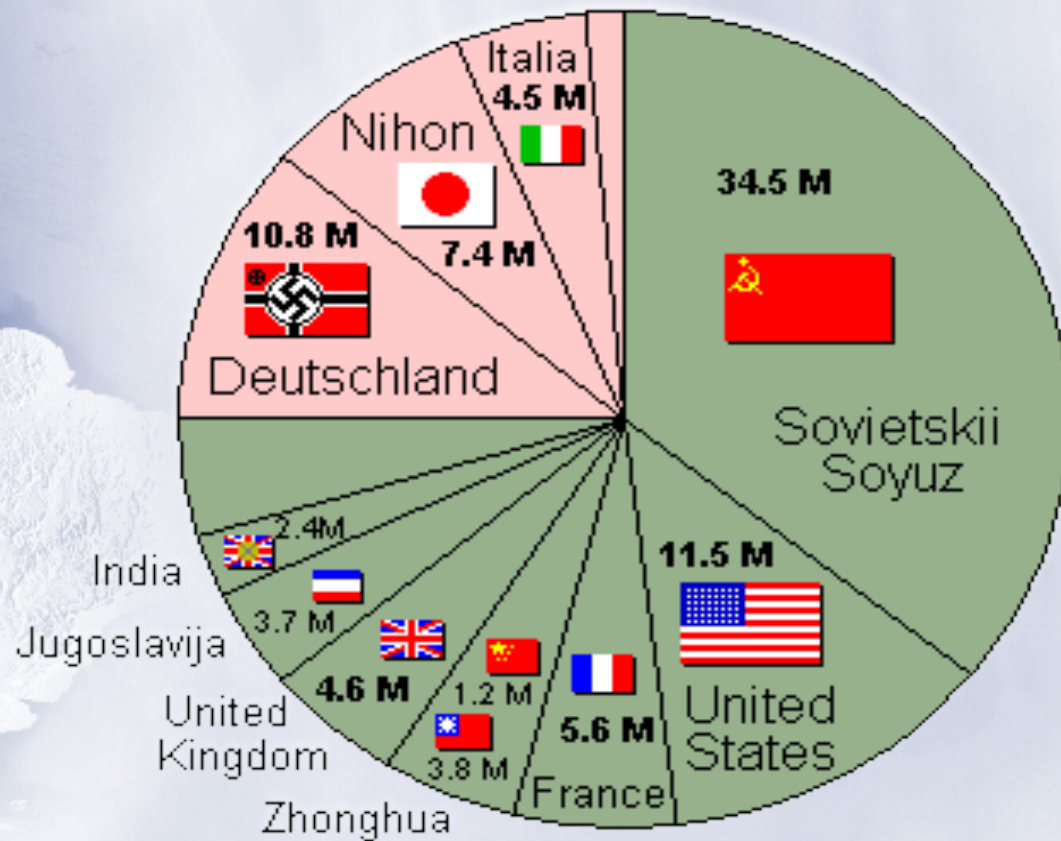




3.2 World War II Home Front

1930-1963

WWII Casualty Percentages



Effects of the War at Home

During WWII, the power of the federal government that had been developed in the New Deal became even stronger.

The **Selective Services Act** was signed by FDR in 1940, becoming the first peacetime conscription (draft) in US history.



War Productions Board



Federal government agency in charge of changing America's consumer economy into a war economy. By the end of the war, America would be the leading industrial nation in the world. The Great Depression was over.



Effects of the War at Home

War Production Board

In 1939, the US was using horses to pull heavy artillery.

From 1942 to 1945 Americans built 17 aircraft carriers, 297,000 aircraft, 193,000 artillery pieces, 86,000 tanks, and 2,000,000 army trucks. American industrial production doubled.

In 1941, three million cars were made. Only 139 more would be made during the war. Instead, GM made airplane engines, guns, trucks and tanks.

An average Ford car at the time had 15,000 parts. A B-24 bomber had 1,550,000 and one came off the Ford line every 63 minutes!

By the end of the war, more than half of all industrial production in the world took place in the US.

Effects of the War at Home



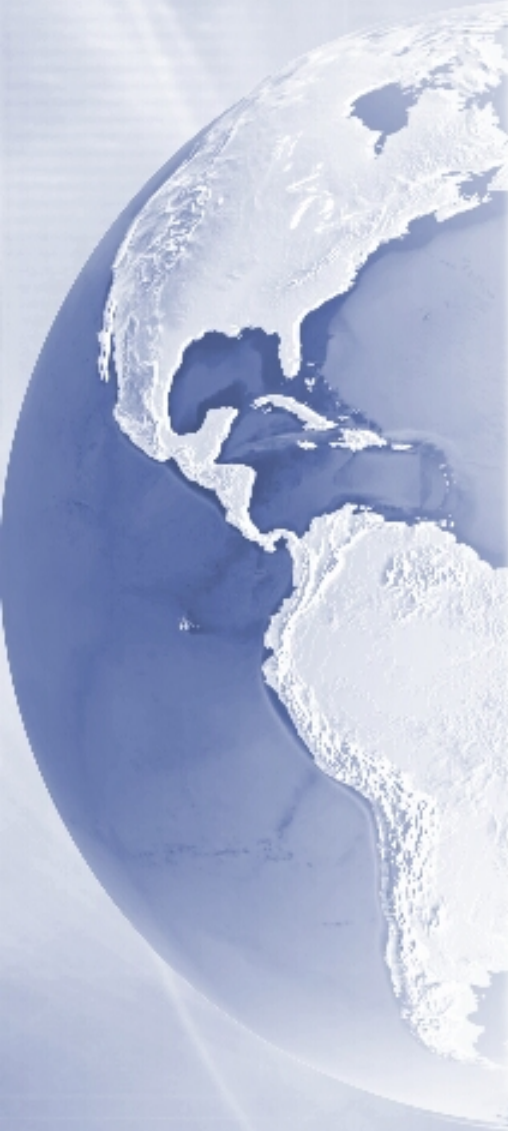
Rationing - to have enough supplies for the soldiers, products in the US were rationed. Americans could not buy as much as they wanted. When the stamps ran out, that was it!

✧ Meat, coffee, butter, cheese, sugar, gas, nylon, rubber, tin foil, bobby pins, shoes, gum, zippers, matches, cigarettes

Children gathered scrap metal, tin cans, textiles, tires for the war effort.

Taxes increased and individuals & companies purchased **war bonds** to finance the war.





Effects of the War at Home



Eight million women entered the workforce to build war supplies, symbolized by **Rosie the Riveter**. For the first time, many women left their home towns, lived on their own, & earned good money.



To serve in the military, women joined the Women's Auxiliary Corps (**WACs**) and female units of the Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines.



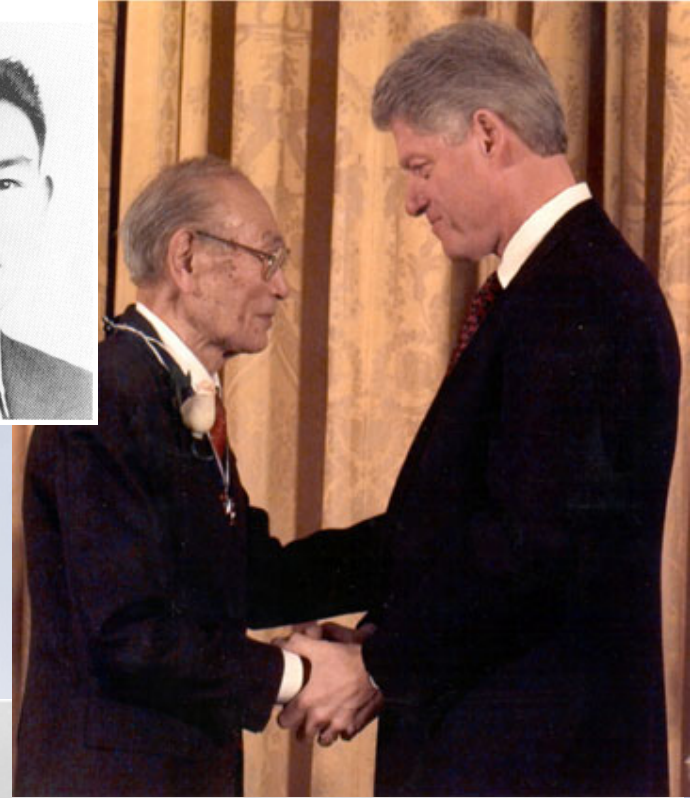
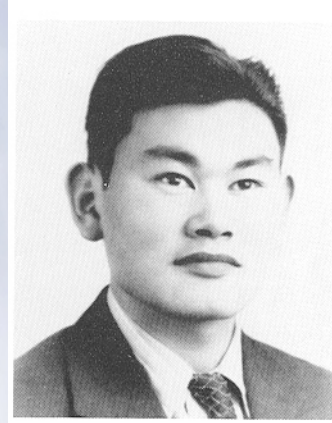
Japanese Internment

Two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, authorizing the War Department to identify “military areas” and then exclude anyone from those areas they felt to be a danger to national security.

Japanese American citizens living on the West Coast were rounded up and moved to camps in Arizona, Colorado, Utah & Wyoming.

Thousands of German & Italian non-citizens were also rounded up and deported, but German or Italian citizens were not interned.

110,000 Japanese Americans were held in 10 internment camps from 1942 to 1945.



Korematsu v. US (1944):

Fred Korematsu sued the federal government over being forced to go to the camps. The internment was ruled constitutional by the Supreme Court in the interest of national security.

Japanese Internment

“The Japanese race is an enemy race, and while many second and third generation Japanese born on United States soil, possessed of United States citizenship, have become ‘Americanized,’ the racial strains are undiluted.” - Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt

“If all of the Japs were removed tomorrow, we’d never miss them...because the white farmers can take over and produce everything the Jap grows. And we don’t want them back when the war ends, either.” - Head of the California Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association

All Japanese American citizens with 1/16th Japanese blood or more were given one week to settle their affairs before evacuation.

“Double V”

“The ‘V for Victory’ sign is being displayed prominently in so-called democratic countries which are fighting for victory over aggression, slavery and tyranny. If this V sign means that to those now engaged in this great conflict, then let we colored Americans adopt the double VV for a double victory. The first V for victory over our enemies from without, the second V for victory over our enemies from within. For surely those who perpetrate these ugly prejudices here are seeking to destroy our democratic form of government just as surely as the Axis forces.”

- James Thompson



The Great Migration



In the early 20th Century, almost one million African Americans migrate to Northern cities in search of opportunity.



African Americans and Latinos also benefited from the opening of jobs during the war. Many, however, faced brutal racism, violence, and segregation as they took advantage of these new opportunities. Race riots began to break out Northern & Southern cities.





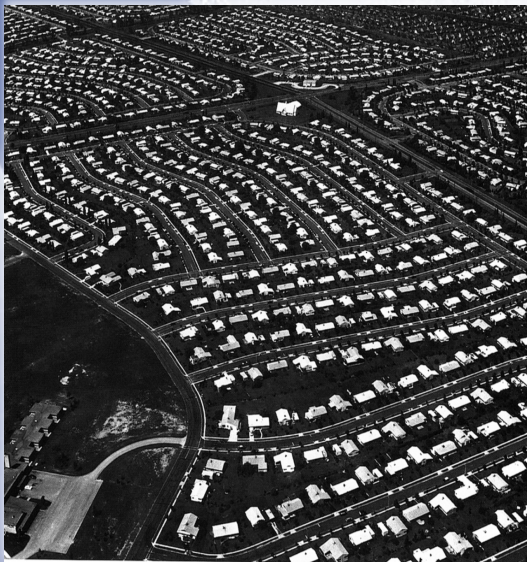
Tuskegee Airmen - African American fighter squadron that escorted & protected bombers from enemy pilots. Never lost a single bomber!

Effects of War at Home



G.I. Bill - Veterans received money from the federal government for college and loans for new homes in return for their service. As a result, the US would experience an economic boom and rise in the middle class in the 1950s.

Levittown - With so many new home buyers, William Levitt devised a way to mass-produce new cheap homes. Suburbs, nicknamed “Levittowns” sprang up across the country.



Baby boomers - A whole generation of babies were born upon return of the veterans! Families who could take advantage of the economic prosperity were promised the American Dream.